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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION TO SEW FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET EMBASSY HAS ADVISED ALLIES THAT SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY IVAN KAPITONOV WILL LEAD SOVIET DELEGATION TO SEW FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS BEING HELD APRIL 15-17 IN WEST BERLIN. SOVIETS HAVE ASKED THAT ALLIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PROTECTION IN LIGHT OF RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER, SHOKIN, CALLED ON BRITISH AND US MISSIONS APRIL 13 TO ADVISE ALLIES THAT IVAN KAPITONOV, SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR, WOULD LEAD A DELEGATION TO THE SEW'S FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS WHICH IS TO BE HELD APRIL 15-17 IN A PUBLIC HALL IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR. SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER CALLED ATTENTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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BUBACK ASSASSINATION AND INDICATED SOVIET EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED LEST SOME UNFORTUNATE EVENT OCCURRED DURING SEW'S PARTY CONGRESS WHICH MIGHT EMBARRASS OR ENDANGER KAPITONOV AND THE FIVE OR SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION. SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER REFERRED TO REQUEST MADE BY US MISSION TO SOVIET EMBASSY DURING VISIT TO BERLIN BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE THAT SOVIETS INSURE

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THAT SUSPECTED TERRORIST BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN EAST
BERLIN AT TIME OF MONDALE VISIT NOT BE PERMITTED TO
THREATEN VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND ASKED THAT
ALLIES TAKE " APPROPRIATE STEPS" AND INSURE SAFETY OF
MR. KAPITONOV AND HIS PARTY. KAPITONOV SCHEDULED
TO SAY IN EAST BERLIN WHILE REST OF DELEGATION WILL
RESIDE IN WEST BERLIN HOTEL FOR DURATION OF SEW CONGRESS.

3. US PROTOCOL OFFICER ASSURED SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER
THAT WEST BERLIN POLICE WOULD BE ALERTED TO KAPITONOV'S
PRESENCE AND THAT APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WOULD
BE TAKEN. US PROTOCOL OFFICER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
ANY LEGALLY CONSTITUTED COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS MOUNTED IN
THE VICINITY OF PUBLIC HALL WHERE SEW CONGRESS TO BE HELD
WOULD NOT BE INTERFERED WITH AS LONG AS DEMONSTRATORS
OBEYED EXISTING BERLIN LAW. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT
KPD/ML HAS SCHEDULED A DEMONSTRATION FOR APRIL 15
UNDER THE HEADING " SEW CONGRESS".

4. US PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISER, WORKING WITH BRITISH
COUNTERPART, HAS ARRANGED FOR STEPPED-UP SECURITY IN AREA
OF SEW CONGRESS STIE THROUGH APRIL 17.
CHAIRMAN (UK) PROTOCOL OFFICER, ACTING ON BEHALF OF
ALLIES, HAS ADVISED SOVIET EMBASSY THAT ALLIES ARE PRE-
PARED TO ASSIGN PLAIN-CLOTHED MEMBERS OF BERLIN'S
STAATSCHUETZ TO KAPITONOV IF SOVIETS SO DESIRE.

5. COMMENT: KAPITONOV HIGHEST RANKING SOVIET OFFICIAL
EVER TO ATTEND SEW PARTY CONGRESS ACCORDING TO OUR
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RECORDS. SOVIET DELEGATIONS HAVE ATTENDED TWO OF THE
PREVIOUS FOUR SEW CONGRESSES. IN 1970 THE SOVIET DELEGATION
WAS HEADED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER NIKOLAI
VASILIEV. IN 1972 SOVIET DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MEMBER ANATOLY SKOCHIKOV.
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